mine is operated by Manmohan Industries (P) Limited in Singhbhum (East) District, Jharkhand. In addition to this, secondary gold is also recovered as by-product from copper slime at Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL), Ghatsila Smelter and at Bharuch, Gujarat by HINDALCO Industries Limited. The mining of gold is subject to provisions of the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act, 1957, Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, and Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988.

(c) The total production of gold during 2005-06 was 9760 kg.

Mineral deposits

†1411. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated deposits of various minerals in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the quantity of minerals extracted during each of the last two years, State-wise and the cost incurred on their extraction?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) State-wise information on estimated deposits of minerals in the country is given in the Indian Mineral Year Book published by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM). A copy has been supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b) Details on state-wise mineral production for non-fuel, non-atomic major minerals, maintained by IBM, for the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 given below:

(in tonnes)

State	2004-05	2005-06	State	2004-05	2005-06
Andhra Pradesh	37367833	40804760	Madya Pradesh	31539228	30190889
Assam	401000	406022	Maharastra	14342109	13755391
Bihar	263790	341902	Meghalaya	519000	550000
Chhattisgarh	40152164	42027490	Orissa	55094352	63305719
Goa	22728844	23778434	Punjab	93	3649
Gujarat	23651562	23799551	Rajasthan	34079971	35452586
Haryana	33091	32075	Sikkim	205	157
Himachal Pradesh	7674999	8079533	Tamil Nadu	17030999	17360627
Jammu & Kashmir	267427	260636	Uttar Pradesh	240217	256037
Jharkhand	19611338	21067950.2	Uttarakhand	161729	154322
Karnataka	52495671	48736537	West Bengal	167762	162656
Kerala	1016583	1024699			

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Cost of extraction of minerals varies from mine to mine. However, the cost of extraction for metallic minerals ranges between Rs. 100 to Rs. 7000 per tonne and for non-metallic minerals from Rs. 19 to Rs. 18640 per tonne approximately on all India basis.

Request for amendment in MMDR act

1412. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Minister of Mines, Government of Rajasthan had requested his Ministry for amendment in Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and to delete part 'A' and part 'C' from Schedule-I of the said Act;

(b) if so, whether Government have set up any High Powered Committee to examine/give fillip to private investment in mining sector;

(c) the details of the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(d) whether Union Government propose to empower the State Government for better and timely development of State mineral resources and exempt them from seeking prior leasing approval of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A High Level Committee (HLC) under the chairmanship of Shri Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission was constituted to review the National Mineral Policy and recommend possible amendments in the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 to give a fillip to private investment in the mining sector. One of the terms of reference of the High Level Committee was to suggest the changes needed for encouraging investment in public and private sector in exploration and exploitation of minerals. The report of the High Level Committee containing the recommendations is available on website of Ministry of Mines *(www.mines.nic.in)*. Based on the recommendations of the High Level Committee and input from stakeholders, National Mineral Policy, 2007 is under consideration of the Government.